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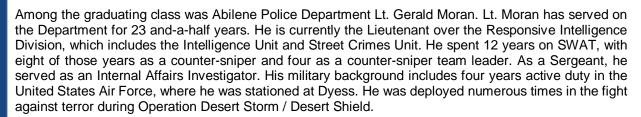
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Abilene Police Department Lieutenant Graduates from FBI National Academy

ABILENE, TX – Two hundred and twenty–two Law enforcement officers graduated today from the FBI National Academy Program in Quantico, Virginia. The 266th Session of the National Academy consisted of men and women from 48 states. Included in the class are members of law enforcement agencies from the District of Columbia, 20 international countries, five military organizations, and eight federal civilian organizations.



Internationally known for its academic excellence, the National Academy Program, held at the FBI Academy, offers eleven weeks of advanced communication, leadership, and fitness training for selected officers having proven records as professionals within their agencies. On average, these officers have 21 years of law enforcement experience and usually return to their agencies to serve in executive-level positions.

Training for the program is provided by the FBI Academy instructional staff, Special Agents, and other staff members holding advanced degrees, many of whom are recognized internationally in their fields of expertise.

Since 1972, National Academy students have been able to earn undergraduate and graduate credits from the University of Virginia due to the accreditation by the university of the many courses offered. The graduating officers were represented by the class spokesperson, Thomas Anthony Verdi, Deputy Chief, Providence Police Department, Providence, Rhode Island. A total of 49,686 graduates now represent the alumni of the FBI National Academy since it began in 1935.

"It has truly been an honor to represent my Department while attending FBINA #266 as only one percent of all law enforcement is ever selected to attend. The instructors and staff here were all professional, extraordinary people who truly love what they do. I feel blessed to have been allowed to attend." – Lt. Moran.

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